(b) if so, the details of expected fiscal collection by this levy;

(c) whether Government has analysed the negative impact on agricultural sector due to such proposed development cess on agriculture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) There is no such proposal presently, with the Government.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Direct tax collection

†1565. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the direct tax collection during the year 2007-08; and

(b) the ratio of corporate tax and personal tax in the collection of direct tax?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The provisional net direct tax collection up to Oct 2007 is Rs. 1,28,864 crore and is up by Rs. 38,846 crore over the net collections during the corresponding period in 2006-07 at a growth rate of 43.15%.

(b) The ratio of the Corporate Income-Tax and Personal Income-Tax in the provsional net direct tax collection up to Oct 2007 is 61:39.

Service tax on services provided in other countries by Indian industries

†1566. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is levying service tax on the services provided by Indian industries in other countries;

(b) whether levying of service tax on services in other countries is justified;

(c) whether any Minister of Government had announced taking back this tax on 1 st April, 2007, which is yet to be implemented; and

(d) by when Government is going to abolish the service tax on the services provided in other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Chapter V of Finance Act, 1994 containing provisions relating to service tax extends to whole of India except the State of Jammu & Kashmir. Taxable services provided, whether or not by an Indian industry, outside India and consumed outside India do not fall within the scope of the said Act.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Bilateral Air Service Agreement

1567. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has entered into bilateral Air Service Agreements (ASAs) with many countries including SAARC countries;

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